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School Mergers To Be Studied

ATLANTA (BP)—The Education Commission of the Georgia Baptist Convention has been asked to call in professional help to make an urgent study of the convention's entire program of Christian higher education, with a view to possible merger or consolidation of some colleges.

The action was taken by the convention's Executive Committee, meeting in quarterly session in Atlanta. The vote followed an afternoon session devoted entirely to a discussion of the financial problems facing Georgia's six Baptist colleges.

W. Robert Jackson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dalton, Ga., made the motion calling for the special study, with the hope that some definite recommendations would come within the next 12 months.

The Executive Committee had earlier heard Rufus C. Harris, president of Mercer University at Macon, Ga., make an impassioned plea for the convention to "take a hard look" at its college situation.

Harris said this hard look should determine (1) "how the total of Georgia Baptist monies for the colleges may be enlarged or, failing that, (2) how the number of participants may be decreased or (3) consider some merger arrangements."

Harris also said Georgia Baptists might need to cut back on their gifts to Southern Baptist Convention causes to meet the financial plight of their colleges.

He said: "Everyone actively favors all of the causes. But if our home causes are imperiled, as the Georgia Baptist colleges are presently imperiled, some new arrangements would seem appropriate."

Searcy S. Garrison, executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist Convention, disagreed with Harris, as did presidents of the other five Georgia Baptist colleges.

All said, in essence, that the colleges must live within their incomes and that a proper balance must be maintained between school needs and other causes in the Cooperative Program.

In other actions, the Executive Committee authorized Norman Junior College in Norman Park, Ga., to borrow up to \$400,000 to erect a

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Outlook Said Good For Mission Support

RICHMOND, Va. — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's budget for 1968 is expected to exceed \$30,000,000, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, announced during the Board's monthly meeting September 14. The budget is now being prepared for adoption at the Board's annual meeting October 9-11.

Examining the long-range outlook for the financial support needed to continue foreign mission advance, Dr. Cauthen cited favorable factors.

"Population increase in this country should provide opportunity for steady growth in church membership," he said. "Southern Baptists are expanding into all states, thus entering areas of major population concentration. Economic conditions in the areas of major Southern Baptist strength continue to improve. It seems reasonable to anticipate that during the remainder of this century Southern Baptists should have sustained growth numerically and financially."

"As Southern Baptists' total resources continue to increase, it is reasonable to expect they will insist upon a larger portion of each Baptist dollar being shared with the peoples of the world."

"Baptists cannot escape facts of the world such as runaway population explosion, human misery, hunger, and the ever present threat of war. But, most of all, we cannot escape our Lord's expectation that we will witness to our fellowmen throughout the world as to what God has done in Jesus Christ."

"We must keep in mind that Southern Baptists' home-base commitments continue to increase. But it is the unmistakable responsibility of this Board to keep ever before Southern Baptists the Lord's expectation of a ministry on a world scale."

"The missionary imperative in the hearts of Southern Baptists makes them want to respond to the world's need with continued dedication of life, increasing intercessory prayer, personal involvement in witness, and the sharing of their financial resources."

Hughey Gives Plans
Dr. John D. Hughey, the Board's secretary for Europe and the Middle East, reported on new mission work in Turkey and Morocco and

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Water-soaked sheetrock and mud had to be shoveled out of most of the church basements through small ceiling-level windows in the flood-ravaged churches in Alaska. At Calvary Baptist, however, a small conveyor was used to route the ruined material out the window, where it was loaded into wheelbarrows and rolled to the street to be picked up. At left, hefting a shovel, Alaska Baptist Secretary E. W. Hunke Jr. For additional pictures please turn to page 3. (HMB Photo)

Baptist Men Successful In Repairing Alaska Churches

By Dallas M. Lee

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — The Fairbanks, Alaska flood disaster was turned into a near worshipful experience when nearly 100 Baptist men from the lower 48 states arrived here to help repair damaged church buildings.

The spirit radiated from men who were learning that their skills as electricians, carpenters, plumbers, painters and even cooks could be used as tools of mission service was bound to outlast the pall of tragedy in the town of 30,000.

The volunteers, 18 of whom were from Mississippi, included several pastors, a missionary from New Orleans, a police captain, an airlines pilot and a Methodist layman from Jackson, Tenn.

Further accenting the spirit of the rescue project, a Catholic layman loaned his flatbed truck and a Nazarene congregation its bus for transportation for the crew of volunteers.

And the owner of a large souvenir shop offered the men a 20 per cent discount because

furnaces were roaring, and it appeared that the race against subzero temperatures was being won by a group of Baptist laymen, most of whom had not been out of their part of the U. S. since they were in the service.

The Mississippi men returned home Saturday night. Please turn to page three where pictures are shown of 15 of the 18 men.

Pictures were not available of three of the men, Fred Gray, Meridian, and Jerome W. Whipple, Poplarville and Bobby Staudby, Eupora.



THE SECOND ANNUAL World Missions Conference sponsored by the Brotherhood Department was held at Camp Garaywa Sept. 16-17. Three missionary speakers look at globe. From left: Miss Dorothy Jean Latham, to Brazil; Rev. Stanley Stamps, to Ecuador and Miss Margaret Fairburn, to Liberia.



SEVERAL LEADERS in huddle between sessions: Rev. Roy Collum, First Church, Philadelphia; Rev. E. L. Howell, Brotherhood secretary; Mark Moore, Primary-Junior director, Broadmoor Church, Jackson, and W. T. Broadus, McComb, song leader.



SEVERAL MEN ENJOY fellowship at meal time, from left: Roy Kaykendall, Newton, president Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference; Kent Brooks, and Keith Allen, Greenville.

New Orleans Gets Ready For 1968 SBC

NEW ORLEANS — Dr. Gerald Martin, president of the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference, spoke enthusiastically here about New Orleans as the site for the 1968 Southern Baptist Convention and its related activities.

Martin, who was in New Orleans for meetings in relation to the Pastor's Conference, spoke to the students and faculty of New Orleans Seminary at the first chapel service of the school year.

"New Orleans is a most interesting city," he said, "and will provide for our pastors an opportunity to see a real mission field." Dr. Martin, who is also pastor of the Popular Avenue Baptist Church in

Memphis, Tennessee, was lavish in his description of the new River Gate auditorium where the convention is scheduled to meet next June. "It is the most attractive facility the Southern Baptist Convention has ever used," he said.

The timing of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans is also highly significant. This year will be the 250th anniversary of the city of New Orleans, the 125th anniversary of the First Baptist Church there, and the 50th anniversary of the founding of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. The Southern Baptist Convention meeting will be the climax of the Golden Anniversary Year celebration of the seminary.

In meeting with representatives of the convention Executive Board, the W. M. U., and the local arrangement officials, Dr. Martin expressed his concern that the location of the 1968 Southern Baptist Convention remains in New Orleans even though minor construction on the new auditorium may still be in progress at the time of the convention.

Plans for the pastor's Conference are progressing on schedule according to Conference President Martin, who is also preparing for publication a history of the Southern Baptist Convention Pastor's Conference.

BULLETIN

Dr. W. P. Davis, secretary of the Department of Work with National Baptist air-mails a note from Brazil reporting that he and the Mississippi Negro pastors who are preaching in churches in Brazil, are seeing a wonderful response to the gospel.

In the opening days there have been 53 professions of faith, and every preacher has seen people saved in the services where he has preached.

The team will be in Brazil preaching in various cities until early October. A full report will be given in the Baptist Record when they return.

TEN FROM MISSISSIPPI

Pastors From SBC Hold South African Crusade

Thirty Southern Baptist pastors and evangelists, plus two Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board missionaries, are engaged in a revival crusade in the nation of South Africa. The "Crusade for Christ" began on September 10 and will continue through September 24. Dr. Bob Ramsey, pastor of First Church, Brookhaven, is leader of the American team.

The present crusade actually takes the place of a larger one planned and organized by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Under the original plans eighty to one hundred pastors and evangelists were expected to participate but the Home Mission Board cancelled its part in the crusade when some restrictions were made concerning arrival plans, etc.

After the cancellation, a number of men who had volunteered for the crusade still desired to go and the South African committee were informed that they would come on an individual basis, if invitations could be given by the churches.

When the Crusade Committee of the Baptist Union of South Africa learned that many men were still willing to come, they continued their plans which had been set up in cooperation with the Home Mission Board, but revised them to fit the smaller number of men who would come. Fifty-three churches were enlisted to participate, most of them to hold a one week meeting.

The visiting Americans reached South Africa on Friday, September 8 and were greeted by more than 150 Baptists from churches all over the nation.

The song "There Shall be Showers of Blessing" resounded through the arrival hall of the Johannesburg airport to greet the 30 weary travelers as they set foot on South African soil after traveling more than nine thousand miles.

Reception Held
As a reception for the Americans on Friday evening, after their arrival earlier in the day, Dr. J. D. Odendall, president of the Baptist Union of South Africa, welcomed the team, and a re-

sponse was given by Dr. Hugh Van Eaton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lake Charles, La. At this reception the thirty Americans were joined by the two American missionaries from other African countries who are conducting meetings in two of the churches in Capetown.

The Rev. Charles Parnell, General Secretary of the Baptist Union, said after the arrival of the American team, "To many South African Baptists, Southern Baptist pastors were almost unknown, yet immediately the sense of oneness in Christ became evident. The gracious Christian courtesy of the visitors and their commitment to the winning of people to the Saviour found a ready response among fellow Baptists of a

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BMC OPENS 95th ANNUAL SESSION

As Blue Mountain College opened its 95th annual session, President E. Harold Fisher's choice of a guest speaker was one of the most outstanding graduates of the College, Miss Edwina Robinson, executive secretary of the State Baptist WMU.

In introducing Miss Robinson to the large and receptive audience, President Fisher said, "The goal and focus of Blue Mountain College is to provide a sound general liberal arts education which is characterized by an abiding faith in Jesus Christ and which strengthens and fortifies this faith in action; to build excellence of character; strong leadership ability; and poise, in a Christian environment."

Also on hand to greet Miss Robinson was the State WMU President, Mrs. W. E. Hannah, Clinton, and the following area WMU Presidents and workers: Mrs. R. C. McGlamery, Ripley, an alumna of Blue Mountain College; Mrs. Sarah Pounds, Booneville; Mrs. C. C. Randle, New Albany; Mrs. H. L. Mooney, Union County Association; Mrs. J. E. Buchanan, Blue Mountain; an alumna of the College; Misses Ruby and Elizabeth Garrett and Mrs. D. T. Hollis, alumnae and former students of the College, Chelybeate; Mrs. A. J. Stacey, T-

pelo; and a group from Oxford, Mrs. C. G. Huggins, mother of Mrs. E. Harold Fisher; Mrs. R. V. Black, Mrs. A. H. Avent, and Mrs. Raymond Wilson. All of these women are special friends and close associates of the Executive Secretary of Mississippi's WMU, Miss Robinson.

Miss Robinson, using for her theme, "Blue Mountain's Birth in 1873, and Its Good Beginnings," said, "The College was born out of a need for education of girls; a deep

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Dismissal Asked School Aid Suit

WASHINGTON (BP) — A top administration official has asked the Supreme Court to dismiss the appeal of a group of New York taxpayers who are challenging the constitutionality of certain expenditures under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

Acting Solicitor General Ralph S. Spritzer moved to dismiss the appeal on grounds that the lawsuit challenged the ESEA "in the abstract" rather than on the local level as it specifically applies to a particular program.

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The South African Crusade pastors stand in front of plane that carried them to the Dark Continent.

SBC Pastors Hold South African Crusade

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different background, yet dedicated to the same gospel."

The opening services in the churches were held on Sunday, September 10, and first reports indicated that they were well attended and there was a good response to the gospel invitation, according to Dr. Ramsay, leader of the American group. Dr. Ramsay said there were three adult professions of faith in the opening Sunday services in the church in which he is preaching, the Central Baptist Church in Johannesburg. Rev. Allan G. Pearce, one of the pastors, served as Crusade Organizer in South Africa. He had worked with the original Home Mission Board leaders, and then became the contact representative between the American preachers and the churches in South Africa.

Ten State Men

Among the men holding



Rev. Joseph N. Triplett.

Newton Pastor Accepts Post In Capital City

Rev. Joseph N. Triplett, for more than eight years pastor of First Baptist Church of Newton, has resigned to become assistant pastor of First Church of Jackson.

He is expected to assume his new duties sometime in October.

Mr. Triplett is a graduate of Mississippi College and earned the Master of Theology degree at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He has additional graduate study at Yale Divinity School.

A successful pastor, he has been also a trusted denominational leader, and currently is vice-chairman of the executive committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and a member of the building committee for the new state convention building being erected on Mississippi street, just South of First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Triplett is the former Charlotte VanLandingham of West Point, a graduate of Blue Mountain College and of the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, Baltimore.

Their two children are Dr. Joe Triplett, Jr., resident in surgery at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, and the former Temple Triplett, since August the wife of a medical school student at Indiana University.

The Newton church experienced substantial growth under his leadership. There have been 200 baptisms and the church is now debt-free.

An educational annex has been constructed a mission established which is now Calvary Church.

meetings in the Crusade are ten Mississippians. They are Dr. Bob N. Ramsay, Brookhaven; Rev. Thomas N. Hall, Seminary; Rev. James M. Metts, Jr., Florence; Rev. Larry W. Kennedy, Mantee; Rev. John Sartin, Brookhaven; Dr. Jewell H. Kyzar, Bude; Rev. Harold Wells, Sumner; Rev. Bob Lynch, McComb; Rev. Joe H. Royalty, Jackson, and Rev. Wayne Peters, Raymond.

Others are Rev. William H. Beeby, Balboa Heights, Canal Zone; Rev. J. Leon Elmore, Holt, Ala.; Rev. Arnall Richardson, Amite, La.; Rev. Paul R. Becker, Sr., Elmita, N. Y.; Dr. James E. Springfield, Dallas, Texas; Rev. Carlton Burnett, College Park, Ga.; Dr. Clayborn E. Landers, Winter Park, Fla.; Rev. Earnest S. Waite, Westminster, Colorado; Dr. Jerry Abernathy, Crossett, Ark.; Rev. Howard T. Taylor, Alton, Ill.; Rev. Bob McPherson, Denver, Colo.; Rev. Woody Pointer, Skiatook, Okla.; Rev. B. A. Rogers, Midland, Texas; Rev. A. R. Fagan, Orlando, Fla.; Rev. Damon Matlock, Sacramento, Calif.; Rev. L. C. Hoff, Eudora, Ark.; Dr. Robert L. Hughes, Pensacola, Fla.; Dr. B. T. Maddox, Hollywood, Calif.; Rev. Carlos Gruber, Nacogdoches, Texas and Dr. Hugh Van Eaton, Lake Charles, La.

Missionaries are Rev. Bob Beaty, Lambia, and Rev. Gene Phillips, Rhodesia. According to Dr. Ramsay the expense of these men making the trip were paid by their churches or others, and they went at no cost either to the Southern Baptist Convention, or the South African Baptists.

Most of the Americans will join in a tour visiting the Holy Land and other countries before returning to the U. S. Some of them, however, will visit mission fields and fill other engagements in Africa, before returning home.

School Merger

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new library building. Norman was also authorized to negotiate an \$800,000 loan under which it is erecting two new dormitories.

The committee also approved preliminary plans for a fund-raising campaign for Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta to erect a 250-bed hospital addition which Administrator Edwin B. Peel said would probably cost about \$6 million. The hospital hopes to raise at least one-third of that amount and borrow the rest from commercial sources.

The committee also approved a 1968 Cooperative Program budget of \$4,937,400, an increase of \$531,260 over the 1967 budget. After deduction of \$541,200 in administrative and promotion expenses, the budget would be divided on a 50-50 basis with Georgia and SBC causes.

Biggest increases in the budget are for the six Georgia Baptist colleges.

The Executive Committee adopted a proposal of J. Robert Smith, president of the convention, to "give strong endorsement to statements by Garrison opposing legalization of gambling in Georgia, and urge the state legislature to strengthen laws against gambling in any form."

A committee of the Georgia General Assembly is currently conducting hearings on pari-mutuel betting and had grilled Garrison in a widely-publicized hearing in Atlanta.



Rev. Luther Slay

Wildwood, Laurel Calls Pastor

Luther Slay, a native Mississippian, has accepted a call to the Wildwood Church in Laurel, effective Sept. 1.

For the past 4 years the Slays have been living in Texas where he has been attending Southwestern Seminary. He received his B.D. degree from that institution on May 5, this year.

While in Texas he was pastor of the Calvary Church in Pilot Point and the Springdale Church in Fort Worth, from which he came to Wildwood.

Before going to Texas, he graduated from Mississippi College. During his time of attending Mississippi College he pastored several churches in Mississippi.

He is a native of Tchula, and is married to the former Jean Gordon of Cruger. The Slays have 5 children. Lamar, age 15, Wayne, age 11, Gene, age 7, and Terri Lynn and Mary Lillian, age 14 months.

BMC Opens

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conviction of vision, nurtured by people of real courage; has a goodly heritage in its leaders of sterling character, deep roots, daring spirit, strong of body, clear of mind, with sound judgment, those of love and loyalty to God and mankind.

"There are many supporting basic foundations of Blue Mountain College — Faith, Love of God, Courage, and Work, the type which doesn't count the hours, but is never

Nato Transferees Start Mission

Baptists from the United States who moved from France to Belgium when NATO forces were withdrawn from France have started an English-language mission in Mons, Belgium. Mons is near Casteau, new location of SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe) NATO's military headquarters in Europe.

About 25 persons attended the first worship service on July 2, and attendance has averaged 40 since then. The mission is sponsored by English-language Emmanuel Baptist Church in suburban Chicago and is called Emmanuel Baptist Mission. Most of the congregation came from Paris, church.

Emmanuel Church is the only English-speaking Baptist congregation in France, seven other churches or missions having closed when NATO forces left the country at the request of the French government.

Baptists are meeting in the building of a Lutheran church in Mons, but they are seeking a building of their own so they can expand their religious education program. Supply preachers have included two Southern Baptist missionaries, Rev. Ruth A. Wood, pastor of an English-language church in Lafayette, La., and Rev. Jack L. Cox, of Paris, who works with the French Baptist Federation.

According to the European Baptist Press Service, there are nine Baptist churches in the French-speaking part of Belgium and none in the Dutch-speaking portion.

left until each task is completed.

"BMC has been well built. This succession of faculty and students, of which you and I are a part, laid a foundation upon which we are building and must heed Paul's injunction, 'Let each take care how he builds it.'

"As BMC faces the future, we must be people of vision, looking in the right direction. People of vision have basic characteristics — Perceptive Eyes, Listening Ears, Warm Hearts, Open Hands. Every



On the occasion of the opening of the 55th annual session of Blue Mountain College, Miss Edwina Robinson, Jackson, executive secretary of the Mississippi WMU, and an alumna of Blue Mountain College, center, was greeted and honored by Mrs. W. E. Hannah, Clinton, State President of the WMU. Clinton, right; Miss Charlotte Bryant, Laurel, Blue Mountain's recipient of the WMU Scholarship for 1967-68, seated left; and by the following, standing, left to right: Miss Carole Estes, Ripley, a freshman; President F. Harold Fisher; and Miss Jerrietta McCulley, Tupelo, another freshman.

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missionary to the African continent, and finally to the Middle East.

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morning worship services. An additional \$681 for this project was appropriated by the Board during its September meeting.

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Journeymen Reassigned

The political situation in Nigeria continues to be tense

and unsettled," said Dr. H. Cornell Georner, secretary for Africa. "No one can tell what the future holds. Even if federal troops win a military victory, it is hard to see how the nation can be strongly united, at least for many years to come. Whatever the political conditions, our missionaries have the strong conviction, five of the seven 1967 missionary journeymen employed for Nigeria are being reassigned."



Mrs. Myra Motley

Series Eight

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partment, Montgomery, Ala., and Judd R. Allen, associate, Sunday School Department, Jackson.

Team 3 — Mrs. Myra Motley, associate, Sunday School Department, Raleigh, North Carolina; Miss Becky Martin, Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas; and Mr. Cummings.

Team 4 — W. T. Douglas, assemblies manager, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Long Beach, and Mose Dan-



Ralph Halbrooks

gerfield, education director, First Baptist Church, Clinton. The schedule of meetings follows:

Oct. 2 — First Baptist Church, Batesville; First, Greenville; First, Hazlehurst; and East McComb.

Oct. 3 — Harrisburg, Tupelo; First, Philadelphia; University, Hattiesburg, and First, Pascagoula.

The program will include conferences, a filmstrip on Sunday School programs for intermediates and a discussion of materials and resources.

2,681 PROFESSIONS RESULT FROM INDONESIAN REVIVAL

According to unofficial reports, 2,681 persons professed faith in Christ during Baptists' eight-week evangelistic campaign in Indonesia (May 21 - July 16). This total includes 1,407 converts in Central Java, 831 in East Java, 423 in West Java, and 20 on the island of Sumatra. Final reports are not in yet, says Southern Baptist Missionary Edward O. Sanders.

Dismissal Asked

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The taxpayers, representing the American Jewish Congress, the New York Civil Liberties Union, the United Federation of Teachers and the United Parents Association, are seeking a ruling against the use of any public funds to aid church-related schools under the ESEA.

The appellants claim that federal funds have been used to finance guidance service and instruction in reading, writing and other subjects in religiously operated schools.

They allege that if these expenditures are authorized by the ESEA then the statute to that extent constitutes a "law respecting an establishment of religion" and a law "prohibiting the free exercise thereof" in violation of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

In a two to one decision, the District Court in New York dismissed the citizens' complaint, citing a 1923 Supreme Court ruling that federal taxpayers lack the legal standing to bring such court actions.

In dismissing the lawsuit, the lower court said that although the 1923 rule has been criticized the case has never been overruled or limited by the Supreme Court.

Spritzer said in his brief to the Supreme Court that the New York case was not "an appropriate occasion" to depart from the 1923 rule.

The citizens claim that their appeal to the high court presents a single question: Do citizens and taxpayers of the U. S. have standing to challenge in the federal courts an expenditure of federal funds on the ground that it is in violation of the establishment and free exercise provisions of the First Amendment?

The lawsuit has significance, the appellants say, partly because it could be a key to the judicial resolution of a question of national importance — the constitutional application of certain parts of the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

After a rather lengthy evening service in a church, a pastor and an evangelist went to a village five miles away where they had been asked to preach in a home. It was past midnight when they arrived, but their hosts roused the villagers out of bed. The services began about one o'clock, and 15 persons made professions of faith.

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Rev. George Meadows

Hazlehurst, First Names Staffer

Rev. George Meadows of Prentiss has accepted the position of minister of education and youth and assistant to the pastor of the First Church in Hazlehurst, beginning his duties on September first.

He is a native of the State, a graduate of Mississippi College and is presently enrolled at the New Orleans Seminary.

He and his wife, Betty Sue, and two young sons, James and John, are residing at 235 South Extension Street, Hazlehurst.

Mr. Meadows was ordained to the full gospel ministry seven years ago and has served churches in Rankin, Copiah and Jeff Davis Counties.



Edgar Manuel, Jr. of Meridian, seems to enjoy plate of food.



Rev. Leonard Holloway, Meridian, serving as painter, is seen in action.



At University Baptist Church, water completely flooded the lower level and covered the floor above. As a result, ceiling insulation had to be ripped out, sheetrock walls had to be knocked down and mud had to be hauled out. Heaters then were used to dry out studs so that new walls could be erected. The water also ruined most electrical equipment and some plumbing.



Charles Norman of Meridian is busy helping to unload materials from a freight car.



Most of the 100 or so volunteers bunked in dormitory style at the First Baptist Church of Fairbanks. Others stayed in homes of Baptist residents. Here they are shown kneeling in prayer during the devotional period held each evening.



FURNACE PUMPS and motors were disassembled to be dried out. Here electricians are shown reassembling the equipment in the Calvary Baptist Church basement. Heat was of utmost importance.



WATER CONTINUED to seep back into several of the buildings, even after being pumped out, due to the high water table (underground water level).



Joe P. Field, electrician, Edwards



Henry E. Adams, carpenter, Jackson



Paul Harrell, painter, Jackson



L. R. Fortinberry, carpenter, Jackson



Clarke Hicks, general, Aberdeen



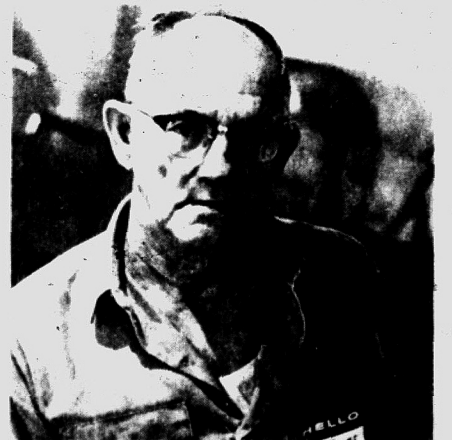
Ernest Scruggs, painter, Sardinia

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Baptist Men Repair Flood-Ravaged Alaska Churches Before Winter Sets In



Vernon Lenzir, carpenter, Meridian



S. A. Timms, general, Meridian



Vernell Daniels, general plumber, Meridian



Will J. Cross, Sr., carpenter, Meridian



James Jones, painter, Meridian

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In Good Hands

A national insurance company tells the world that when you place your insurance with it, you are placing your interests "in good hands". Southern Baptists and Mississippi Baptists could adopt that slogan for their program of denominational work, for they have placed it "in good hands". Those hands are the various committees, boards, and leaders chosen to direct the work. No religious denomination on earth has finer or more trustworthy leadership.

September is a busy time for much of this leadership. The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention met in Nashville this week, and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board holds what probably is its most important meeting of the year in Jackson next week.

Southern Baptists and Mississippi Baptists can rejoice that their business is handled in such a careful and democratic manner. The executive committee of the SBC, and the convention board of Mississippi Baptists, both are elected by the conventions in regular session, and are representative of every area of the convention territories. The Southern Baptist committee is made up of members from every cooperating state convention, with all states having at least

one member, and some states having two or three because of the size of their constituency. Mississippi has three members on the committee. These men are elected to three year terms on a rotating basis, and no man can serve more than two full three year terms.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention board is comprised of 77 members with one member from each of the 77 associations. This year (by action of last year's convention) the number will be enlarged to 100 with 23 members elected at large, but with no association having more than three members. The members are nominated by the associations from which they come and at-large members will be nominated by the convention nominating committee. All are elected by the convention and they, too, serve for three-year terms, with no member serving more than two consecutive terms.

The Executive Committee of the SBC and the Convention Board of Mississippi Baptists have somewhat the same responsibility in their respective areas. The larger convention's committee selects leaders for its work, and handles the many responsibilities passed to it by the convention. It works with the various boards and agencies in developing a proposed annual budget for the convention, and its executive-secretary treasurer's office handles the receipts which come in from all over the convention, and disburses them according to the budget set by the convention, or, in the case of designated gifts, according to the wishes of the donor.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board chooses from its membership an executive board, which meets each month, or on call when emergencies arise, and handles the affairs of the board which are assigned to it. The board also chooses certain commit-

tees such as the Budget and Allocations Committee, to study and bring recommendations concerning the convention budget. This budget is set by the board at its September meeting to be recommended for final adoption by the convention itself in its November meeting. The board chooses its executive - secretary treasurer, and other leaders and employees, sets their salaries, and adopts the policies for their work.

According to our Baptist polity, the boards and agencies of the conventions are under separate boards of control. The Home and Foreign Mission Boards, the Radio and Television Commission, the Annuity Board, the Baptist Education Commission, the seminaries, and the other agencies and commissions of the Southern Baptist Convention, all are under separate boards of trustees elected by the convention. Mississippi Baptist institutions and agencies also are under trustees elected by the state convention. These represent every area of convention territory, and both laymen and preachers are asked to serve. All of these are trusted leaders in their own churches, and are chosen because they have won the confidence and respect of their fellow Baptists.

These trustees and board members are dedicated to the tasks God has led their fellow Baptists to lay upon them. The men and women they select to head the various departments of work, likewise are individuals dedicated to the Lord's work, and devoted to the responsibility God has laid upon them. They seek God's guidance in decisions and programs, and determine to make the work be what God and Baptists want it to be.

Southern Baptists and Mississippi Baptist work is "in good hands". We should thank God for these leaders who direct the work for us, and pray for them daily as they carry the responsibility we have placed upon them.



WBBM-TV of Chicago decided to help fill the more than 75,000 job openings in their area by starting a weekly program called "Opportunity Line." The station picked a slack time slot—1 p.m. Saturday—and started the weekly program. Bill Lowry, originator of the idea, reads out a list of jobs, interviews people who have managed to get work and encourages the jobless to ring the station for further information. Some 14,000 people have responded and of these more than 1,700 have found work. Lowry, personnel manager for Inland Steel Container Co. says, "I thought it was part of my duty to get involved." (Newsweek, July 31).

The deeply rooted stigma that alcoholism is a "sin" has stood in the way of successfully treating alcoholics an expert in the field asserted recently. "Many churches and ministers still feel today that alcoholism is sinful. What they don't realize is that it is a disease and that it can be treated," said Dr. James Alford, Director of Emory University's Alcohol Rehabilitation Project. Dr. Alford noted there is a tremendous resistance to accepting alcoholism as anything but a moral problem. "People must realize that alcoholism is illness of the mind and that the physical ailments are only symptoms of the real problem." (The Atlanta Constitution, July 12).

"Overpopulation is the greatest challenge to mankind's survival, except for the nuclear war. It must engage the attention of all citizens now," stated William H. Draper, Jr. Parents' Magazine (August 1967).

A Grand Rapids theater owner has turned his theater into a bookstore to sell only "adult" literature. He charges \$1 dollar admission to distribute young adult books "lookers" with half the fee going toward payment for the books and magazines. He says business is brisk and explained he elected to sell nothing but "adult" material because "the book business is competitive and I want to offer something that the other stores don't have." (Variety, July 19).

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

September 25—Richard Pass, supt. of missions, Adams Union Associations; James Henry Moore, supt. of missions, Alcorn County.

September 26—Bunnard Stevenson, Baptist Book Store; Genevieve Walker, Baptist Book Store.

September 27 — Mrs. Mattie Smith, staff, Children's Village; Mrs. Thelma Robinson, staff, Children's Village.

September 28 — Gail Elrod, Baptist student director, MSCW; Harold Gully, Baptist student director, Mississippi State University.

September 29 — Chester L. Quarles, Baptist Building; Mrs. Harry Quinn, Baptist Building.

September 30 — Charles H. Melton, Clarke College faculty; Carolyn Mounce, Blue Mountain College staff.

October 1—Charles W. Smith, Carey College faculty; Mrs. May Bourdon, Carey College staff.

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Today's NOW Generation

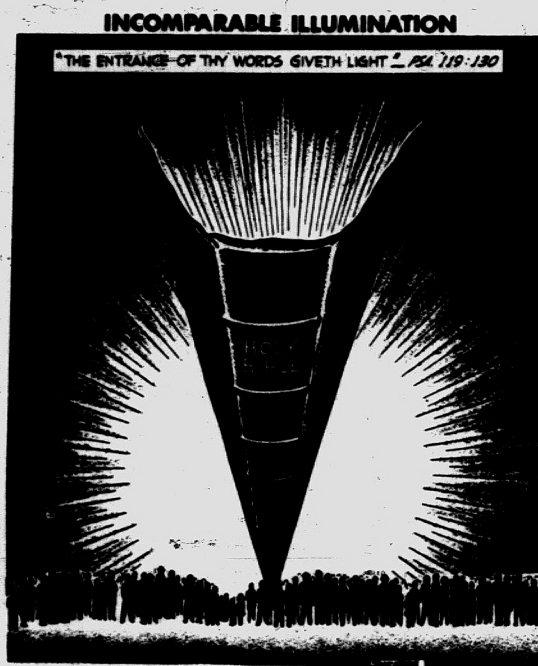
By Dr. Kenneth L. Chafin
I think today's young person has a seriousness about him that probably did not characterize youth in the day I went to school. You know Time magazine recently named as the man of the year All American men who are under 25. We used to think of them as the future leaders of our country but they are characterized today as the now generation and their word is immediacy. By 1970 it is predicted that there will be one hundred million Americans under 25. As a whole, today's young people are an impressive lot. Now and then they may upset a few insecure adults with their ways but they are an exciting and challenging group and they deserve our selfish love and our help.

Today's youth are dealing with many problems. They are concerned with civil rights. They are concerned with academic freedom. They discuss vigorously the issues of war and peace and they are not reluctant to express their views on nuclear testing. A person does not have to agree with the conclusions or the methods of expressing them to admit that today's young people are asking the vital questions. Today's young people will also commit themselves. There may have been a time when they suspended judgment and would try to be a spectator but now they will lay their lives on the line.

And today's young people are capable of profound Christian experience. Everything we know about the years of adolescence testifies that these are the years for making the type of life orienting decision Christianity calls for. Then too, young people are preoccupied with the question of meaning for their lives. When I was a college student, the bull session question was, "Can you prove the existence of God?" This is no longer the question. Today's students want to know if there is any meaning to life. Listen to their music, look at their art, follow their conversations. The words stand out like a neon sign—"Tell me what life is all about." Jesus said, "I am come that ye may have life more abundantly."

Lebanese Girls Have Meeting

Fifty girls from Baptist churches of Lebanon recently gathered at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, Beirut, Lebanon, for a week-long conference, directed by Nita Hindell, a secretary at the seminary. "The girls entered into informal discussions on problems of conduct and living with much enthusiasm," reports Mrs. J. Conrad Williams, Southern Baptist missionary.



Clergy's Right To Speak Is Urged

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP)—The public affairs committee of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina urged the state's 3,450 Baptist churches to guard their ministers' rights to speak out on controversial issues even though they may sometimes espouse minority views.

The committee specifically cited such controversial issues as war and peace, economic and racial tensions, and personal morality and ethics.

It noted that Baptists in North Carolina are dealing with the same tensions between pastors and churches that Baptists in Atlanta, Ga., are facing. The Atlanta Baptist Association will consider this fall a proposal to establish two committees to deal with these tensions.

These tensions, the committee said, may sometimes lead to estrangement of ministers and laymen, and that the genius of Baptist witness of freedom of expression and dissent guarantees that this will happen.

"The committee therefore feels that the convention in the name of Baptist principles should disavow any fellowship founded upon conformity and assent and find effective ways to retain members of the fellowship who espouse minority views, not of doctrine, but of the expression and implementation of the Christian witness in the world today.

"The committee warns all Baptists that the convention cannot afford the loss of any minister of church leader in these grand and awful times whose words or deeds, though offending the local community, have issued from the depth of Christian concern and commitment."

In addition to its statement on pastor - church tensions, the committee also issued statements on Bible reading in the public schools and rioting and acts of violence in U. S. cities.

They urged school officials to a-b-i-d-e by Supreme Court rulings on interpretation of the First Amendment to the Constitution relating to prayer and Bible reading.

They called on the school authorities and the public "to cooperate in observing and upholding in the spirit and in letter what is now so clearly the law of the land."

The committee expressed its shock at acts of lawlessness and violence this summer in U. S. cities.

"The committee, however, calls upon Baptists and all men of good will to recognize and to admit the human tragedy and the deplorable conditions which spawn the violence."

It is not too late, they said, to avoid open rebellion. They urged that all levels of government take necessary steps to achieve adequate housing, health and educational needs, job opportunities and political enfranchisement for all American citizens.



Dear Sir:
Will you please tell me where I can purchase a book called "A Brief History of the Huguenots and Three Family Trees" by James Garvin Chastain, D.D.

I am interested in the Chastain family, and my ancestors, and their history.

I know that Rev. Garvin is not now living, since he was 90 in 1943, so that the address of Buena Vista, Virginia is out. I don't know where to write for information. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. W. C. Bryant

CAN THE CHURCH BE SAVED by J. William Angell (Broadman, paperback, 48 pp., \$1.25)

Today the very existence of the church is threatened from without by Communism, the resurgence of non-Christian religions, and secularism and challenged from within by schism, and wickedness. The author of this small book feels that the questions which concerned Soren Kierkegaard in his day—What is real Christianity; how does one become a real Christian?—are just as vital and applicable for us today. For only as the church is sure of its beliefs, aware of the urgency of its message, and honest about its shortcomings can it hope to enlighten the minds and convert the will of a hostile and indifferent society.

CAN I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES? by Ralph L. Murray (Broadman, paperback, 146 pp., \$1.95)

The pastor of Smithwood Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, interprets the miracles recorded by Mark and gives them meaning as they have relation to modern-day living. The thought is clear, and the 21 messages are well organized.

SOME THINGS ARE FOR KEEPING by Polly Gottfried, with pictures by William Dugan (Broadman, \$1.35)

Not only will the bright pictures delight small children. The tots will like to hear this book read, to hear about the valuable things in their lives—the things that are "for keeping"—and about the decisions even the tiniest of them must face. The text is very well written.

CHILDREN CAN BE TAUGHT TO OBEY (Scripture Press, 32 pp., paperback, 30 cents)

What the Bible teaches about the disciplining of children.

ISAIAH, THE SALVATION OF JEHOVAH by Alfred Martin (Moody, paperback, 127 pp., \$3.95)

A general introduction to the book of Isaiah, the book that is second only to Psalms in number of times referred to by New Testament writers. Throughout Isaiah are prophecies whose fulfillment were realized in Jesus Christ.

THE CARPENTER'S SON by Carlyle Marney (Abingdon, 95 pp., \$2.25)

Six challenging messages that will help each reader answer the ultimate question about Christ—"But who do you say that I am?"

VALLEY OF DESIRE by Adei Pryor (Zondervan, 144 pp., \$2.50)

A Christian novel in the setting of South Africa, this book carries the spiritual lesson that only what God desires for one's life is the important factor.

TOWARD A CHANGELESS SEA by Jeanne Holloway Davis (Broadman, 28 pp., 75 cents)

A play based on the life of Bill Wallace, missionary to China. Cast includes three men, two women, narrator. Playing time, 50 minutes.

CREATIVE TEACHING IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL by Phyllis Woodruff Sapp (Broadman, 120 pp., \$3.50)

In narrative style the author addresses all workers with preteens. She spells out why children need to be involved in learning activities, lists the benefits to both teachers and pupils, and tells how teachers can go about getting children involved.

SCRIPTURE TO LIVE BY by Dorothea S. Koppin (Doubleday, \$1.95, paperback, 214 pp.)

Inspiring quotations from the Holy Bible, especially selected to bring comfort, strength, and guidance for a more meaningful and successful way of life.

TO MAKE THE WOUNDED WHOLE by Matsa Crawford (Zondervan, 188 pp., \$3.95)

A mature novel which gives a perceptive look into the mind and heart of a woman in torment.

GIVE ME THIS MOUNTAIN by Helen Roseveare (Eerdmans, 166 pp., paperback, \$2.75)

This is the autobiography of a missionary doctor whose experiences during the 1964 Congo uprising received international attention (She was held captive for five months.)

YOU & CHILDREN'S FAITH A GUIDE FOR PARENTS by Florence M. Taylor (Doubleday, paperback, 174 pp., \$1.95)

A practical, down-to-earth handbook for the average parent who wants to increase his child's grasp of the Christian faith.

INVITATION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT by Jacob M. Myers (Doubleday, paperback, 282 pp., \$1.95)

A layman's guide to the major religious messages of the Old Testament.

THE MIND OF JAPAN, A Christian Perspective, by Takashi Aikawa and Lynn Leavonworth (Judson, 150 pp., \$4.95)

Here is a clear analysis of Japanese ways of thinking, so different from those of the West. Japan is an emerging industrial power, and in this book "her dynamic society, vibrant and promising, is seen beyond the romantic veil of exotic music, ancient legends, ornate temples, and charming landscapes which too often blind the Westerner to modern Japan." The authors, a Japanese and an American, both Christians, blend their insights in a remarkable way. The Foreword is by Douglas MacArthur II.



THE LIVING GOD by Richard W. DeHaan (Zondervan Publishing House, 192 pp., \$2.50)

Richard DeHaan who succeeded his father as the teacher of the world famed radio Bible class presents a series of twenty-two studies of truths concerning God. He discusses the living God, the infinite God, the triune God, the Son of God, and the Spirit of God. The book presents an effective answer for those who have been crying "God is Dead"



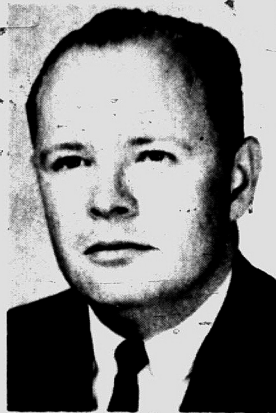
New colleges and universities are springing up these days at the rate of one a week. There are now 840 two-year colleges, 230 of which have been built since 1960; established universities have produced more than 300 new branches since 1945.

Part of the explanation for this boom says Newsweek (February 20) is: (1) the characteristically American faith in the virtues of higher education. A generation ago the goal was a high school diploma for everyone. Now the richer states hope to provide in less than a decade a college degree for every resident who wants one. And nearly everyone wants one. (2) This boom also reflects the optimistic American faith in change and experimentation. The wave of student restlessness has intensified the suspicions that new forms of institutions are needed. The size of enormous state universities and the hardening of pedagogical categories are called into question. (3) "Boosterism" has fed the new college boom. Promoters point out a college can bring status and money to a town.

The Southern Regional Education Board estimates that \$3.2 million is needed just to open a college for 1,000 students in the Southeast, and it would cost more elsewhere.

"Foundations, corporations, and private philanthropists generally believe they should not support an institution until it has shown it can stand on its own," says Earl J. McGrath, former U. S. Commissioner of Education. Many new colleges go through moments of financial uncertainty while waiting for "the big money." Sometimes it does not arrive, and students are deprived of adequate facilities, books, and equipment; on occasion, faculties have had salaries delayed.

A certain small town was unveiling a new statue of the governor. When the cord was pulled and the canvass fell, a gasp went up from the crowd. The sculptor apologetically said to the chairman of the committee, "I didn't realize when I took this on there wouldn't be enough money to include the horse."



J. S. Johnson

Edwards Pastor Takes New Post

Rev. J. S. Johnson, for the last four-and-a-half years pastor at Edwards, recently assumed responsibility as superintendent of the Jasper County Baptist Association and pastor of the Lake Como Baptist Church.

He and his family are living in the new parsonage furnished by the Lake Como Church. He succeeds Rev. Marvin K. Lee, who moved to Calhoun County as superintendent of missions.

Mr. Johnson, a native of Knoxville, Tennessee, is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Mary Sue Latham of Tunica. They have three sons, Stewart III, Timothy Latham, and John Marion.

In addition to his service at Edwards, he has pastored the Spring Hill Church, Route 2, Oakland; West End Church, Foley, Ala.; and the Sunrise-Zion Hill Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Hattiesburg.

Throughout his ministry, he has been active in associational organizations. While at Edwards he served on the executive committee of the Hinds County Baptist Association and in several other associational capacities. He was licensed by the Calvary church, Jackson and ordained by the Highland Church of the same city.

Jasper County is composed of 22 churches. The Rev. Jamie Tynes of Heidelberg is chairman of the associational missions committee, and Welby N. Boulton was chairman of the Lake Como Baptist Association.



Rev. Shalley N. Vaughn

Pastor Enters Evangelism

The pastor for six years at Sunshine church in Rankin County, Rev. Shalley N. Vaughn has resigned to enter educational and evangelistic work.

The church had a membership growth of from 53 to 450 during his ministry with 256 by baptism which set a record for Rankin county.

The complete church plant of three buildings was planned and built and a parsonage was purchased during this period.

Mr. Vaughn is now available for supply, interim, or evangelistic work. He may be contacted at Route 1, Box 354B, Florence, Miss., Tel. 930-3311.

The church has taken official action in which it commends him for his new field of work.

Chilean Official Is Visited

A group of Chilean Baptists recently visited Chile's Minister of the Interior, Bernardo Leighton Guzman, to inform him of plans for a nationwide evangelistic campaign later this year. Oscar Soto, president of the publicity committee, was spokesman.

Mr. Leighton asked the delegation to express his thanks to Baptists for their concern for the moral and spiritual well-being of the Chilean people, accepted a gift Bible, and offered to arrange a visit with the president of Chile.

A Realistic Look At Salaries

By John D. Boskas, Annuity Board, Dallas

It is a fundamental principle of human nature that no employee can render efficient service which he is capable of doing, if his mind is distracted from his work by thoughts of how he is going to pay his bills on pay day.

The business world long ago recognized this principle and adjusted to meet the need by providing employees with a living wage. For reasons unknown to this writer, many churches have lagged far behind in salary support provided ministers and employees. It is a sad commentary to read articles and statistics on salaries ministers get today. Recently a leading research publication listed the average annual salaries of 27 occupations including ministers. Ministers were number 27, almost \$1,000 behind the next lowest salary category. The salaries were divided into four age groups and for ministers were: ages 25-34 years, \$4,875; 35-44, \$5,625; 45-54, \$5,590; and 55-64, \$5,000. These were low enough, but the real shocker came when the Southern Baptist Handbook for 1967 listed the average annual salary for full-time ministers at \$3,970, more than \$900 a year less than the national average for the lowest paid ministerial age group in the survey.

Of course everyone knows inflation is the culprit. Inflation touches everyone and everything. Again business and industry continue to adjust salaries for their employees to keep up with inflation. Again, the church appears to lag far behind.

Yet, articles regularly reveal rising costs and prices. We read that:

*The U. S. Labor Department reported sharp increases in the cost of living during the first half of 1967. Very conservative predictions estimate a 2.5 per cent total increase for 1967 as compared with 3.3 per cent recorded in 1966. The latest increases brought the Consumer Price Index

which measures typical family purchases to 115.3. This means it cost \$11.53 to purchase items worth \$10 during 1957-59, the period on which the Index is based. On this basis a salary increase of 5.7 per cent would be required for the 1966-67 period for a minister's buying power to stay even. How much of a salary increase has your minister been given?

*The U. S. Bureau of Public Roads revealed that the cost to operate a car now stands at about eleven cents a mile. If a minister drives his car 10,000 miles a year to perform his pastoral duties, the church should be providing him an auto allowance of at least \$1,100. How much does your church provide your minister for auto allowance?

*The fringe benefits of an employee on the national average are 25 per cent of his cash salary. Fringe benefits include retirement programs, hospital, and other types of insurance, etc. If your church is paying the recommended ten per cent of the total salary into the Protection Program, it still has 15 per cent to account for just to be average. How much is your church providing in fringe benefits?

*Congress is expected to pass a tax surcharge somewhere between six and ten per cent.

*Social Security payments are expected to rise again this fall.

*Congress is expected to vote a five per cent pay increase for government workers. Hourly compensation for the entire economy is 5.7 over 1966; wage rates in early 1967 rose to about five per cent, up from the previous year.

Everywhere you read the reports are the same: higher prices and higher wages.

Like business, the church will have to struggle with the same price and salary pressures. And like business, the church should not bypass salaries which should be the first consideration.

The Bible clearly states in both the Old and New Testaments that the congregation should take care of its ministers: "Take heed to thyself that thou forsake not the Levite as long as thou livest upon the earth." Deut. 12:19. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." I Cor. 9:14.

Baptists are basically kind and generous; they are quick to respond to any call of need when proper facts are presented to them. THE YEARS AHEAD has tried to present highlights of facts being published almost every day. We believe the facts indicate a real need to take a close, hard look at the salaries and fringe benefits of ministers and employees. We believe, also, when salaries are adjusted, efficiency increases. After all, is this not a fundamental principle of human nature?

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The above article appears as an Editorial in the current issue of the Annuity Board publication, THE YEARS AHEAD. It is so important, and so timely, at this time of the year when churches are preparing their budgets, we felt it should be shared with all of our readers. We join the above writer by asking, Are the salaries your church pays realistic in the light of present day inflation?)

Broadman Press Publishes Play Based On Life Of Bill Wallace

NASHVILLE — Broadman Press has released "Toward Changeless Sea," a one-act play by Jeanne Holloway Davis based on the life of Bill Wallace.

The play is written for six people, each taking multiple parts. Through a narrator, the play touches parts of the missionary's life from his boyhood in Knoxville, Tenn., in 1925 to his death in Wuchow, China, in 1949. Playing time is 50 minutes.

"The purpose of the play is not to entertain . . .," says the narrator of the production. "It is not to amuse . . . Our

purpose . . . is to show . . . how an ordinary man, in the providence of God, may live an extraordinary life."

"I know audiences will find this play moving," Mrs. Davis says. "This is not an idle guess, but based on the experiences of coaching it and watching some 30 different audiences react as it was being done. We not only had decisions for Christ made as a result of this play, but we received many, many letters from people whose lives were touched."

"Toward a Changeless Sea" is available in Baptist and general book stores.

BILLY GRAHAM OUTLINES PLAN FOR UNIVERSITY

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (EP)—Once again Evangelist Billy Graham divulged to reporters plans for a Christian university "within an intellectual framework, based on the Judeo-Christian concept of man."

The man everybody knows told newsmen of the San Diego Union that his university would have schools of law, foreign affairs and journalism.

It would be a great Christian university "such as Harvard, Dartmouth or Brown were meant to be," he added. "I mean a full university that would have a school of law, a school to train diplomats for foreign service and a school of journalism."



MIDWAY YOUNG PEOPLE ISSUE YOUTH BULLETIN

The "Midway World" is the name of a new young people's church bulletin to be issued periodically by the young people at Midway Church in Jackson. The editorial staff is such as work on the first issue, already released. From left, clockwise: Ruth Gallagher, reporter; Rachel Gallagher, reporter; Bruce Carter, reporter; Yvonne Talles, associate editor; Lynn McCoy, editor; Larry Campbell, reporter; Kathy Brantley, reporter; Jo Ann Hawkins, reporter; Sandra Campbell, reporter. Standing is Bob Brantley, advisor, the minister of education and music of the church. Rev. W. Benton Preston is pastor. The editorial staff studied journalism during the church's recent YBS.



FIVE MILLIONTH BIBLE PRESENTED — NEW YORK — Dr. James Z. Nettinga, left, national distribution secretary of the American Bible Society, presents the five millionth copy of "Good News for Modern Man" to the Rev. David J. Williams, denominational distribution secretary for the Eastern region of the Society. The presentation was made at the headquarters of the national organization in New York. The paperback version of the New Testament was published a year ago. According to the Society, it is written in "simple street-corner English."—(RNS Photo).

New Sacred Records

Are you looking for new sacred records? Here is a listing of a number of the new ones which have appeared in recent months. They are available in both Mono and Stereo. You can get them at the Baptist Book Store or at other music stores.

INSTRUMENTAL
THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD with Tedd Smith at the piano and Don Hustad at the organ, playing some of the favorite hymns of modern Christendom. Word W-3359

DISTINCTIVE GOSPEL STYLES by Lorne Matthews, Pianist, playing, both sacred hymns and gospel songs. Zondervan ZLP 713

UNDER HIS WINGS—Herman Voss, Organist Hymns old and new. Zondervan, ZLP 702

CHIMES AT TWILIGHT — Lew Charles playing sixteen great hymns on the Mass Chimes. Word W-3360

RELAX . . . AND SING ALONG — Emyr W. Davies plays popular hymns and choruses on the piano, organ and bells. Zondervan ZLP 606

FAVORITES FROM THE VAN IMPES—Featuring Accordion, but including organ, piano, and vocal, with Detroit Symphony. Crown VCV 1078

CHRISTMAS RECORDS
FAVORITE SONGS OF CHRISTMAS chosen from numerous artists including Martha Branham, 16 Singing Men, First Baptist, Dallas, Choir, Back to the Bible Choir, and others. Zondervan ZLP 705.
THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT—Alfred Burt Christmas Carols sung by the Ralph Carmichael Singers — Word W-3371

THE PRINCE OF PEACE—Christmas Cantata by J. T. Adams and The Men of Texas Word W-3389

STEEPLE TIME — Vibrant by Mrs. Wilmos Oehy, and Cathedral Chimes by Adl Clerpe. Quality for home record players, or church equipment. Zondervan ZLP 720

PIANO THAT TALKS — John Landgraf. Michigan preacher musician plays (Crown VCV 1074)

SOLOS—MALE VOICES
TENDERLY HE WATCHES — George Beverly Shea, favorites and some Children's Songs. Camden CAS 683 (1)

TAKE MY HAND — George Beverly Shea. Beloved hymns. RCA Victor LPM 5760

IN THE GARDEN AND OTHER INSPIRATIONAL SONGS — Stuart Hamblin. One of Billy Graham's outstanding converts sings favorites. Camden CAL-973

LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE—Songs by Dick An-

thony. Well known arranger, composer, conductor, pianist, and organist, also is a great singer. Word W-3390

THE CHAPEL ON THE HILL—Eddie Arnold, country music artist, sings gospel songs, some old, some new. RCA Victor LSP-1225 (e)

PRAISE HIM, PRAISE HIM — Eddie Arnold sings Fannie Crosby Hymns RCA Victor LSP 1733(e)

FARTHER THAN MY EYES CAN SEE—Tony Fontaine Artist sings some of his favorites RCA Victor LPM 3572

JIMMIE McDONALD SINGS FOR THE PEOPLE—Favorite solos by famed Negro baritone. Zondervan ZLP 708.

DOWN BY THE RIVER SIDE — Jimmie McDonald, Negro baritone, sings spirituals and other great gospel songs, Zondervan ZLP 604

THIS I BELIEVE — Bobby Blake — Folk-Country style. RCA Victor LPM-3688

A SINGING HEART—Homer James, Orchestra and Chorus conducted by Dick Anthony. Great Canadian soloist; Record commended by Billy Graham RCA Victor LPM 3788

WHEN I MET THE MASTER — Roger Hall. Soloist with Guitar Word W-3388

I DO BELIEVE—Burl Ives. Popular singer presents hymns and gospel songs. Word W-3391

SOLOS—Female Voices
NORMA ZIMMER SINGS SONGS OF FAITH AND INSPIRATION — Songs and Hymns by Lawrence Welk's First Lady of Song RCA Victor LPM 3777

MY FAVORITE HYMNS by Leontyne Price. Mississippi's famed Operatic artist sings with the Choir of Men and Boys at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, New York City. RCA Victor LM-2918

DOTTIE WEST SINGS SACRED BALLADS—RCA Victor LPM 3794

Choir Visits In Guyana

A nine-member Baptist Student Union choir from Tennessee, directed by Jerry Buckner, BSU director at Memphis State University, and Mrs. Buckner, recently spent several days witnessing for Christ through song in Guyana.

A highlight of their tour was a formal concert where, flanked by palms and hibiscus, they were welcomed by the acting Lord Mayor of Georgetown, the capital.

Lectures Consider Today's Moral Issues

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP) — The editor of Christian Century Magazine, in a series of lectures prepared for delivery here, criticized both the legalistic morality of many churches and the so-called new morality of situational ethics, supporting instead what he called "authentic morality."

"Authentic morality," he declared, "is that human behavior that permits and encourages people to be persons within the bounds of freedom and love (that) God wills and provides for man." Neither the old legalism or the new morality passes this test of "authentic morality," he added.

Editor Kyle Haselden of the Christian Century in Chicago was scheduled to deliver the nine lectures at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly here, but suffered a "physical collapse" in Fredericksburg, Va., enroute to the meeting and was ordered to bed by physicians.

His prepared lectures on "Authentic Morality and the Mass Media" were read here by Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Christian Life Commission, which sponsored the conference.

Valentine said that Haselden was not in critical condition, but was suffering from exhaustion, tension, and stress, and had to have complete rest.

In one of his lectures, Haselden said, "The most monstrous obscenity of our time is the glorification of war and the glamorizing of the military tradition." "Sexual obscenity—even the worst kind of pornography—is a mere nuisance compared with glamorizing of war."

Strongly condemning mass media for glorifying sex, however, Haselden observed that the fact that glorification of war is more obscene than sex does not mean that Christians can ignore the destructive effects of sexual degeneracy on society and persons.

Haselden listed as other forms of obscenity just as evil as sexual obscenity—such things as vicious defamation of character, poisonous jokes that perpetuate slanderous stereotypes about Negroes and Jews, sickening rumors about national leaders, and diatribes against the National and World Councils of Churches "spewed over the country by radio's apostles of discord."

In an earlier lecture on censorship, Haselden said that the suppression of information about United States foreign policy and the withholding of the truth about United States involvement in the internal affairs of other nations is probably the most dangerous form of censorship in America today.

Haselden said the people

have a right to know about the nature, scope and purposes of this nation's international commitments because "in the end they pay the costs of tragic international blunders with their money and their blood."

Haselden strongly condemned the magazines of the "playboy" type, saying that many of them are worse than hard-core pornography.

Calling them "soft-core pornography," Haselden said the playboy-type magazines are obscene because they preach a fundamentally dishonest doctrine of sex that says that women are play-time toys for men to dawdle with, that love is just a sentimental impediment, that erotic pleasure is the greatest good in life.

Haselden added that Christians often ask the wrong questions about movies, television programs and publications that use material about sex. He listed as wrong questions: "How much flesh was revealed? Were dirty words used? Was the material sexually stimulating?"

Instead, Christians should ask "whether the material debased sex, imposed a false philosophy of the nature and purpose of life and their concept of the worth of human beings."

He added that this soft-core pornography of the playboy-type magazines is far more dangerous than the still-limited sale of filthy pictures, stag-party films and sordid magazines because the mass media are so saturated with this kind of sex that Christians tend to accept it as a matter of course.

Green's Annual Bible Study Outline Ready

The Outline Study which Dr. L. E. Green, pastor of the Prentiss Baptist Church, prepares each year for use in connection with the Southern Baptist annual January Bible Study, is now ready for distribution. The study for 1968 is the Book of Luke.

For a number of years Dr. Green has been preparing these outlines for use in his own church, and in other classes where he teaches the January study book. The material has become so popular that he now prepares many extra copies so that they may be sold to those who desire them.

This year's outline on the Book of Luke consists of 60 mimeographed pages, and provides a world of material, including several pages of introductory material. This is followed by a splendid outline of the book, and then a thorough outlined study covering the material section by section and paragraph by paragraph. The author deals very carefully with important teachings, meaningful words, doctrinal issues, problems, etc. His own depth of scholarship is revealed in the way he unfolds the depth of meaning of many of the passages.

This is splendid material, and will be of inestimable value as a reference book both to the preacher or other person who teaches the January study, and to the pupils in the classes. It also will be an addition to the files of all who wish to seriously study the Gospel of Luke at any time.

Copies may be ordered from the author at \$1.25 per copy post paid. Send your order to Dr. L. E. Green, Prentiss, Mississippi 39474.

Seminary Names Guest Teacher

FORT WORTH (BP)—Elizabeth Richmond McKinney has been named guest teacher of piano in the School of Church Music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mrs. McKinney holds the bachelor and master of music degrees in piano from Louisiana State University. She has taught privately for many years and has been on the seminary staff at various times.



Moving into Ball Hall on the William Carey College campus Sunday, September 11, was an exciting day for freshmen coeds, Grace Quarles (left center) and Mary Windef, both of Jackson. Assisting their daughters in the unpacking process were their fathers, Dr. Chester L. Quarles, (left) executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Rev. Ralph B. Winders, Secretary of the Department of Student work of the board.

State Pastor Develops "Leadership Training, Soul Winning" Course



Gwin T. Turner

Many pastors and church and denominational leaders have talked about and longed for more effective plans for training church leadership, and guiding Christians into effective soul winning. One Mississippi pastor has done something very definite about it.

Gwin T. Turner, pastor of the Bowmar Avenue Baptist Church, Vicksburg, is the author of the BASIC COURSE FOR BELIEVERS just released by Americana Recording and Lawco Publishers. The course, which consists of two Phonasonic monoaural stereo 12" LP records and two printed manuals in a gold imprinted black vinyl loose leaf binder, is "a leadership development program designed to equip believers with a comprehensive knowledge of the Bible and soul winning skill."

Since the course makes use of visual, auditory and kinetic learning the author makes the fantastic claim that you can actually master the main

Illinois Pastor Joins Home Mission Board

ATLANTA (BP)—A young former musician, commercial artist and urban pastor is the second recent addition to the department of metropolitan missions of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here.

George August Torney III, 29, of St. Louis, Ill., will join the Home Mission Board staff effective Oct. 1. He was elected in the September meeting of the executive board.

In the July meeting, Russell Bennett of Covington, Ky., was elected to the metropolitan missions department.

The Baltimore, Md., native has been pastor of Winstanley Baptist Church in East St. Louis since 1965. He previously was pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church in Madison, Ind.

He also has served two Mississippi churches as minister of education and music.

A graduate of William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Miss., he holds bachelor of divinity and master of theology degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

contents and themes of all the books of the Bible in only six hours.

The author holds the Bachelor of Arts and the Master of Arts degrees from Mississippi College, and the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has spent five years in the development and refinement of the BASIC COURSE FOR BELIEVERS, and in field testing it in the Bowmar Avenue Church, which since 1963 has grown three times as rapidly as the growth of the local population, and which has baptized 130 this year (95 last year).

Dr. C. E. Autrey, director of evangelism of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, wrote the Foreword to the SOUL WINNING MANUAL in the course and describes it as "clear and concise," and states, "It presents an excellent blending of the relation of the Holy Spirit with the origin, purpose and use of methods... an excellent piece of work." Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, describes the course as "some of the finest material that I have ever seen compiled in these fields." Dr. Cal Guy, professor of missions at Southwestern wrote the Foreword to the BASIC BIBLE COURSE in the set.

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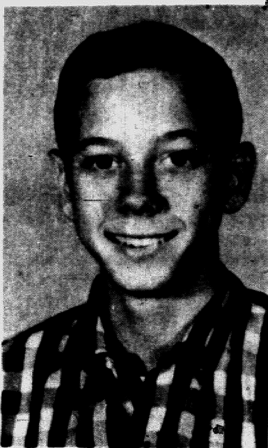
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The entire set of two records and two manuals sells for \$12.95 plus tax, and may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store, 125 N. President, Jackson, 39201, or from the author at Box 1042, Vicksburg, Miss. 39180.



Grady Hall

Two Surrender To Preach During Eastabuchie Meet

During the revival of Eastabuchie Church in June, Rev. Joe Royalty, evangelist, two young men surrendered to the ministry.

Grady Hall is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Butler G. Hall and a member of Eastabuchie Baptist Church. Grady was licensed by Eastabuchie Church at the Sunday night services July 2nd and preached his first sermon that night.

Larry Barlow, Hattiesburg, is a member of Petal-Harvey Baptist Church and will be a sophomore at William Carey College this year.

On September 3rd, the church ordained three men as deacons, Butler Hall, James Walton and Edward P. King.

Rev. L. P. Petty, formerly pastor at McLaurin Church, preached the ordination sermon. Rev. Petty was the first minister ever licensed by Eastabuchie Church, forty-six years ago.

Rev. Kirk Ford, Sr. is the pastor.

GEORGIA'S GOVERNOR FAVORS PRAYER ROOMS IN SCHOOLS

ADEL, Ga. (RNS) — Prayer rooms should be established in Georgia's public schools, the state's governor Lester Maddox told the Fellowship Baptist church here.

Gov. Maddox said he favors a constitutional amendment allowing prayer and Bible reading in schools, but that short of such an amendment, prayer rooms should be made available to students on a voluntary basis.

There is a prayer room in the state capital, he pointed out, and prayer services are conducted daily in his office for those state employees who want to attend.



Mrs. J. V. Bingham, Mrs. Claude Jones, Mrs. J. H. Manning, 92, the oldest charter member, and Mrs. O. P. Sawyer. Not pictured is Mrs. Bill Frost.



CLARKE TRUSTEES MEET — The Board of Trustees of Clarke College met September 14 at the college. Picture shows those in attendance as they prepared to leave the President's Home. L. to R. — Horace Headrick, Laurel; Dr. R. J. Reynolds, Newton; Rev. Dan Morton, Amory; Fred Moore, Morton; Dr. James E. Booth, Eupora; Earl Cockrell, Tupelo; John Allen Collier, Leland; Leonard McElvin, Jr., Laurel; Elliott McMullan, Newton; Dr. R. L. Hamblin, Tupelo; Rev. James Fancher, Aberdeen; Dr. W. L. Compere, president. Unable to attend: Dr. M. L. Flant, Meridian; Dr. Fuller Saunders, Jackson; W. A. Taylor, Sr., Louisville; Dr. Beverly Tinnin, Meridian.

California Baptist Paper Urges Decision On Vietnam

FRESNO, Calif. (BP) — An editorial in the California Southern Baptist suggested three key steps for deciding whether to continue the war in Vietnam, and said if these steps are not taken, the United States ought to get out of Vietnam now.

"Let Congress make a decision, let Thieu and Ky take the Vietnamese case to the U.N., and let the President tell the people exactly what is happening and where we are," said the editorial.

"Otherwise, let's get out of Vietnam, now," declared Editor Terry Young in his lead editorial on Sept. 14.

The California Southern Baptist is the second Baptist state paper in recent weeks suggesting the possibility of a United States pullout in Vietnam. The Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine made a similar proposal earlier.

In the past, the Southern Baptist General Convention of California has supported the U.S. policy in Vietnam. In November of 1966 the convention adopted a resolution urg-

ing Baptists to pray for the servicemen, and criticizing those who "have taken it upon themselves to destroy the traditional pride and support of our nation and its government."

The editorial said that the conscience of Americans is increasingly uneasy over our involvement in Vietnam, and some deeply troubled about the morality of our being involved at all.

"We have no easy solution to offer," the editorial said. "We plead neither hawk nor dove for we do not believe that all of the truth about something as complex as the issues surrounding Vietnam can be put into a neat little capsule on one side or the other."

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Two Southern Profs Begin Sabbaticals

LOUISVILLE (BP) — Two Southern Baptist Seminary professors will be on sabbatical leaves for the coming school year in the seminary's continuing program of inservice training for its faculty.

Frank Staggs, professor of New Testament interpretation, will spend his year of leave at the University of Tübingen, Germany.

Lucien E. Coleman Jr., assistant professor of religious education, will spend one semester working toward a master of communications degree at the University of Kentucky.

Nine professors are returning to Southern Seminary after completing sabbatical leaves.

The professors, their fields of teaching, and where they have studied are: E. Glenn Hinson (church history), E. Jerry Vardaman (Biblical archaeology), and Marvin E. Tate (Old Testament interpretation), all who studied at Oxford University, England; John W. Carlton (preaching), W. Peyton Thurman (dean of students), and Ronald F. Derringer (research librarian), who studied at Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University in New York; Walter R. Delamarter (social work), at the University of Pennsylvania; Ernest J. Loessner (religious education) at the University of California; and Harold S. Songer (New Testament interpretation) at the University of Tübingen, Germany.

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The Sunday School Lesson

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON—LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM—The Continuing Witness Loyal Or Lukewarm

By Clifton J. Allen
Acts 28:17-31

This lesson concludes our six-month study of the book of Acts. Luke completes his treatise by telling of Paul's two-year ministry of preaching and teaching in Rome. During this time Paul wrote the letters to the Philippians, the Colossians, and Philemon; and possibly also the letter to the Ephesians. Paul's boldness and zeal in witnessing won many converts, including some in Caesar's guard, and inspired fellow Christians to witness for Christ with greater boldness and devotion.

The Lesson Explained TELLING THE JEWS ABOUT JESUS (v. 23)

Paul waited for three days to call the leaders of the Jewish community together for a conference. He wanted to explain his presence in Rome and if possible to win them to faith in Jesus. The real cause of his bonds was "the hope of Israel," which meant the hope of the Messiah, whom Paul believed in and whom Paul had preached as the hope of Israel. The Jewish leaders had received no letters about Paul telling of any charge against him. Their impression of Christianity was that it was everywhere "spoken against." Even so, a day was appointed for further consideration, and a large number of Jews came to hear Paul. From morning until evening, the apostle spoke, drawing upon rich messianic passages in the Law and the Prophets. We may be certain that Paul added his own testimony as to the wonder of God's grace in Christ.

SALVATION FOR JEWS AND GENTILES (vv. 24-29)

The response to Paul's message about Jesus was divided: some believed, and some disbelieved. Those who were not persuaded were confirmed in their prejudice; they condemned the faith that would have saved them. There was nothing left for Paul to do but to warn his hearers of God's awful judgment for the rejection of the Messiah. Eyes that will not see become unable to see. Hearts that will not respond with faith and love become harder in unbelief. There was a note of hope in Paul's last word. The salvation which came to the Jews first was meant also for the Gentiles. Many would hear, and many would be saved.

PAUL'S PRISON MINISTRY (vv. 30-31)

The two closing verses of Acts summarize a glorious ministry by the apostle. The trial before the emperor seems to have been delayed. Though under constant guard,

Paul was allowed to receive his friends. Their gifts probably made possible his living in his own rented house. Paul was not ashamed of the gospel, and we can be certain that he dared to declare in totalitarian Rome—idolatrous, materialistic, and militaristic Rome—that Jesus Christ is Lord and that he alone is the Saviour of men. Luke seems to close his book abruptly. We cannot be certain why. In a very real way, however, the book of Acts reminds us that Christians have a mission which is never finished as long as there are lost persons yet to be won to Christ.

From the prison epistles, we learn that Paul's ministry touched many persons in the imperial city and many others in faraway places. He won slaves and soldiers, persons of high rank and of no rank, even some of Caesar's select guards, to faith in Christ. He received messengers from the churches and dispatched missionaries to needy fields. He helped to set the gospel of Christ forward in a triumphant advance throughout the Roman world.

Truths to Live By

The gospel rejected brings terrible judgment.—Willful refusal to hear the good news of God's grace in Jesus Christ will result in dullness of spiritual understanding and hardness of heart that will make conversion impossible. There is also an application for Christians: to the degree that they refuse to obey the gospel, whether because of prejudice or love for the world, they will experience the severe chastening of the loving Father and the inevitable loss of opportunity and joy in serving the Lord.

Christians have a continuing mission.—The book of Acts ends as though it were a continued story. Perhaps the way this book ends is meant to impress on Christians today their continuing mission. Christ commanded that Christians should be his witnesses unto the very ends of the earth, and he promised his presence until the end of time.



Sidney L. Buckley

Receives Doctor Of Music Degree

Sidney L. Buckley, formerly of Columbia, received the Doctor of Music degree from Florida State University Tallahassee, Fla., on August 12. In addition to the required course work, Dr. Buckley presented three public recitals, and four seminars entitled: "The Vocal Style in Wagner's 'Musikdrama,'" "The Songs of Schubert," "Vocal Style in the English Musical Renaissance beginning in 1880 to the Present," and "Villains in Opera."

He has served as Minister of Music in several Mississippi churches, the last two being Highland Church in Laurel and First Church of Gulfport.

In addition to the D. M., Dr. Buckley holds the Bachelor of Music from William Carey College in Hattiesburg and the Master of Church Music degree from The New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

This fall, Dr. Buckley joined the faculty at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, where he is Associate Professor of voice. He is married to former Virginia Willoughby from Columbia, Miss., and has three children: Susan 7, Sid 5, and Seth 3.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Buckley of Columbia, where his father is the pastor of South Columbia Baptist Church.

By Bill Duncan
Revelation 3:7-22

Christ is a stern judge. Many times we are prone to overlook the faults of the church but not Christ. Many times we are so accustomed to the church and close to the church that we cannot see her faults. Christ is both



thorough and consistent. However, the church at Philadelphia had nothing but commendation from Christ while the church at Laodicea made him sick. Our church needs to carefully examine itself in the light of these messages to see how we measure up to God's standard.

The Church of the Open Door 7-13

Philadelphia was a Greek city named after the King of Pergamos, Attalus II whose other name was Philadelphus. The city was destroyed in 17 A.D. by an earthquake and rebuilt by Tiberius Caesar of the Roman Empire. In gratitude the people renamed their city Neo-Caesarea. However in later years it reverted to its old name.

Before it was mentioned that Christ the judge presents himself to each church in a different character and in keeping with the need of the church. He is presented as the one who is Holy (right in character) and true (right in conduct). He is right in action as he is right in attributes.

Because he is true and holy he will keep the Christian when lawlessness and dishonesty prevail all about them. Revelation 3:7 refers most likely to Isaiah 22 with the reference to the key of David as the rule over David's house. Also, the key will unlock the treasury. But more important, the key would open the door to the presence of the one who rules. The key was a symbol of authority and trust. There is now an open door to God and no one can shut it.

"I have set before thee an open door . . . While it is true that Christ opens this door of service, He did not enter it for them. The church has the opportunities given to the churches for soul-winners, missions and ministry. The apostle Paul also mentions doors that Christ opened for him (I Cor. 16:9; II Cor. 2:12; Col. 4:3). Christ has opened many doors of service, but many churches have been blinded by selfishness and sin to see the open door. The open door is not only for service but it also is open for safe deliverance from the great trial that is coming upon the earth. This will be a reward for the ones true to the Gospel ("kept my word"). These at Philadelphia were such they had not raised doubt about his word but received the word, believed it, loved it, and obeyed it.

The one who overcomes will make a pillar in the temple of God in the new Jerusalem. It was a Greek custom that when someone did something great, a pillar was raised in the Greek temple and his name written upon it. We shall be pillars in the new temple that shall never be moved and in heaven God's people will live through eternity with God. The writing of God's name upon the overcoming ones identifies them with God as one.

In Philadelphia there were those who were in opposition to the truth. They were Jews who brazenly claimed to be Christian, but were in character imposters and enemies of the gospel and identified with the synagogue of Satan.

The Church of the Closed Door 14-22

The city of Laodicea was a city of wealthy bankers and financiers. The many millionaires combined to build theaters, lavish public baths, and fabulous shopping centers. The majority of the people lived very plush.

Christ the judge appropriately is given as the "amen." The Hebrew word "amen" is translated into Greek and English truth. Isaiah 66:18 shows God of truth, to be Jehovah the God of the amen.

Twice in the New Testament, amen is used as one of Christ's official titles. What the church at Laodicea should have been, faithful and true, Christ is.

"Christ is the beginning of creation of God," speaks of the one in whom creation had its beginning. The church needs to know although they were wealthy, their wealth was nothing compared with Christ and His wealth. Christ is also the introduction of the new creation of I Cor. 15:47.

The Lord sees nothing in this church that he can commend. The condition of the Laodicean church made the church sick. They were middle-of-the-roads. Halfheartedness will paralyze any effort. If they were cold, they could feel the bitterness and severity of that coldness and cause them to seek warmth for refuge. Like the Pharisees of the Gospels who were blind and did not know it, so this church is blind to their true condition. "Thou sayest and knowest not." Their estimate as compared with Christ declaration was not the same. The church needs to see themselves as the Lord sees them. They were truly self-deceived. In preparation to their lukewarmness, they were filled with self-content and self-satisfaction.

The people of Laodicea were wealthy merchants and traders. Now the Lord counsels them to turn to Him. He offers to provide all their needs. He possessed all the church needed.

Christ is outside the church of Laodicea, knocking. Although he had been excluded from the church because they closed the door, he still appeals to the individual. The Gospel is addressed to any man. Even though this is the worst church, he still desires entrance and appeal. If He is let in, He will bring with Him the feast of personal fellowship, like one has never known before.

The overcomers are the true, born-again-believers. Conversion is not the end of salvation, but the beginning of many trials. The overcomers are the ones that truly represent the Lord and will share with Him in His Kingdom.

Annual Irish Field Service Draws 300

Seated on bales of new-mown hay and logs of wood on a warm afternoon, close to 300 worshippers participated in the annual Irish Baptist Field Service, held in County Longford in the Irish Republic.

Over 70 automobiles brought the congregation along narrow, winding roads to the gathering site on a small paddock on the farm of a young Presbyterian couple near the tiny village of Killoe. About 95 per cent of the worshippers were non-Baptists, reports Robert Dunlop, Baptist minister at Brannockstown in Southern Ireland, and arrangements manager for the annual occasion.

The service, largest in attendance since the inception of the Field Service five years ago, was interdenominational in its leading. An Anglican vicar and a Methodist minister were on the order of worship. The Salvation Army band from Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, played a selection of well-known hymns.

G. F. Blayney of Ballymena, Northern Ireland, president of the Baptist Union of Ireland (encompassing both parts), and pastor of the Ballymena church, preached on the theme, "What It Means to be a Christian." (EBPS)

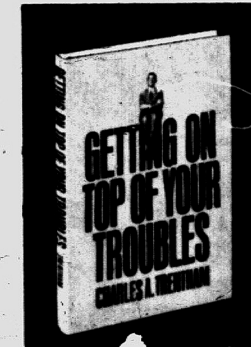
Crabbs Featured On Television

Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Crabbs, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries, will tell about Baptist work in Italy and show slides on a half-hour television program called "Challenge," produced by WHAS-TV, CBS affiliate in Louisville, Ky.

The taped interview with the missionaries is to be shown at 8:30 p.m., Sunday, September 3.



AS THE 95th Welcome, Rush, and Orientation Week of Blue Mountain College began on Monday, September 11, the Residence Halls having opened the day before, September 10, all upperclassmen of the college assist new students by supplying them with materials which will more fully acquaint them with the College, its scheduled events, and other necessary information. Miss Vicki Marshall, Lepanto, Ark., center, a freshman, received a warm welcome and Orientation materials from Misses Glenda Morris, Bruce, left, and Linda Bishop, Baldwin, right, as the new student was met at the campus gateway upon her arrival for the 1967-68 session. Formal opening exercises of Blue Mountain College will be held on Thursday, September 14, at 10:00 a.m. in Modena Lowery Berry Auditorium. The public is invited to attend.



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Bethel (Copiah) To Mark Centennial

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Two centennial services will be held, morning worship hour at 11 a. m. with the pastor preaching.

This will be followed with dinner served at the church and an afternoon service to begin at 1:30.

The centennial message will be brought by Rev. Vance H. Dyess, pastor of Star Church with the church history to be

brought by E. Ray Izard.

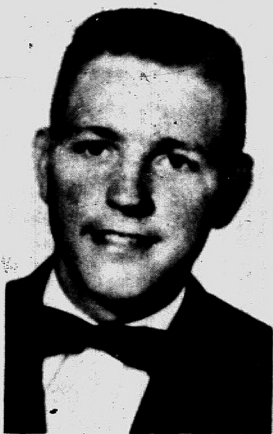
Words of greetings from the State Convention Board will be brought by Rev. Joe Abrams, associate editor of the Baptist Record, with the benediction to be delivered by Dr. R. A. McLemore, president of Mississippi College.

REVIVAL RESULTS

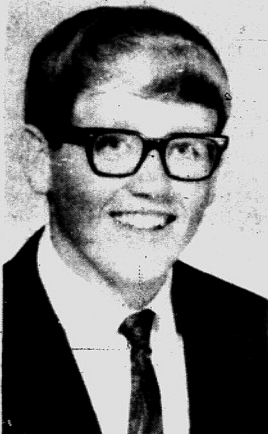
Lake Como (Jasper) — August 13-18 — 10 professions of faith for baptism, six on letter, several rededications. J. S. Johnson, Superintendent of missions for the Jasper Association and also pastor at Lake Como, evangelist; Jimmie Bush, minister of music at Bay Springs Baptist Church, singer; Mrs. J. S. Scott, Jr., pianist. Many members testified that the church experienced the "greatest meeting in the history of the church".

Wiggins Baptist Church, Carthage, Miss.: 17 professions of faith; 1 by letter; majority of church members rededicated. The greatest blessing of the week was when a 79-year-old man was saved. Bro. Joe Holcomb, evangelist; Bro. Angelo Martino, pastor; both students at Clarke College.

First Church, Sharon, La.: August 14-18; Rev. Harry Carwell, evangelist; Mr. Bill Bailey of Pascagoula, music director; 9 professions of faith, 8 by letter.



Bob Hill



Rev. Mickey Ferguson

Two Set Apart By Pittsboro Church

Pittsboro Church licensed Bob Hill to preach the Gospel on May 15, 1967.

Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Honer Hill of Pittsboro. He is married to the former Hilda Bullard of Pittsboro. They have two children: Glen 2, and Nancy 9 months.

They have moved to Newton, Miss. where Mr. Hill will be attending Clarke Memorial College this fall.

Pittsboro Church ordained Rev. Mickey Ferguson to the Gospel Ministry on July 2, 1967.

Mickey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alon Ferguson of Pittsboro.

Mr. Ferguson is the pastor of the Rocky Branch Baptist Church, Calhoun County.

He will enter school this fall at Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.

God's Supper Time

Luke 14:15-24

By Wilburn Matthews, Pastor, Calvary, Greenwood

This parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. Jesus used parables to illustrate profound and important truths. Jesus told a story about a man who prepared a great supper and invited his friends to come and eat with him. However, instead of coming to the supper, those invited sent their excuses. He invited others who did come. The story ends with the host stating that none of those which were first invited would taste of his supper.

The thought of supper time in the past rings a bell with most of us. We remember the big kitchen with the benches, nailkegs and boxes for seats. We remember how hungry we were and how good everything tasted. Did you ever crumble corn bread into a tall glass of buttermilk? That would not be good manners at dinner time but at supper time it was a delight to do so. For many, supper was not only a time for eating but also a time of joy and fellowship with those you loved. Jesus wants us to see that coming to God is like coming to supper. Jesus compared the kingdom of God to a great supper. This invitation to come to supper is still valid today.

1. THE INVITATION IS PLAIN AND UNIVERSAL: God made a list that is universal. Around the long banquet table a chair and place setting has been placed for everybody. God wills that none should perish. The invitation can be understood by all because it is an invitation of "Come". With such a gracious invitation to a feast, how can one yield to the attraction of things not best for him? God must be filled with sadness as He offers so much and we accept so little. We are like the people in the parable. We make:

2. THE SAME EXCUSES: One said, "I have bought some land and I must go and see it." Imagine how absurd to buy land without seeing it before the purchase. How was he going to see the land at night? The second one had an excuse of "proving the oxen he had bought." The third had married a wife and could not come. We have been invited to God's table of wondrous provision for every need, yet we refuse it by a veneer of excuses also. How many times have individuals been invited to God's table of saving grace and the reply so often is: "I'm too busy," "I'm awfully nervous and tired." The church is too big. We don't get out much at night. Crowds bother me. It might rain and I would need to be home to let the windows down! Sunday is the only day I have to rest. Excuse making is an old business and one is as good as another when one doesn't want to come to God's table. If the same excuses kept men from plowing that keep people from church, we would all starve to death in six months.

3. ATTENDANCE AT THE FEAST IS NOT COMPULSORY: God invites each one to attend His feast but the Host will not force your attendance. This is not a danger. Man is free to choose but not willfully. Being a Christian is an elective; it is not a requirement. Jesus gives us an invitation but never a subpoena to attend. God will set the table and provide the food but He will not force-feed anyone! God renews his invitation each day. He is not satisfied to receive a negative answer. God uses the fragrance of flowers, rainbows, stars, gyrations of the hummingbird, the scintillating diamonds on every rose in the early morning dew, a sermon, a tract, a person's witness, tragedy, and in 10,000 other ways to say you are invited.

As I look at God's invitation to supper, I see in the lower left hand corner the letters: "R.S.V.P.—respondes s'il vous plait—please answer!"



YOUNG VIOLIN STUDENTS, Dianne Hudgins and Sherye Simmons, enjoy a chat with Miss Mississippi and first alternate to Miss America, lovely Joan Myers who visited their class recently.

Elementary String Extension Begins

Mississippi College, working in cooperation with the Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and will continue its elementary string program to include not only the Woodland Hills Baptist Church, but also the Broadmoor and Parkway Churches.

Allan Fuller, associate professor of music at Mississippi College will act as coordinator of the program. Assisting Mr. Fuller with the program Phil Lowe working with the violins and violas and Alton Waggoner and Dick Brown with the cello students and David Danley with the string bass students.

In addition to the artistic values afforded by such a program, the boys and girls who participate will have innumerable outlets for participation in the rapidly growing ministry of music in the Baptist denomination. After the students have worked together and gained experience, plans call for the elementary or-

chestra to visit and present concerts at the various churches in the local area.

This program is open to students ages five through twelve and classes will be held every Wednesday afternoon from four until five o'clock for the Broadmoor students, Thursday afternoon from four until five o'clock for the Parkway students, and Saturday mornings from ten until twelve o'clock for the Woodland Hills students.

Anyone interested in more information concerning the program should contact Prof. Fuller, phone number 9246387 or the ministers of music at these churches.

Mandelbaum Gate Coming Down

JERUSALEM (EP) — The Mandelbaum Gate, which from 1948 until last June 5 was the only authorized crossing point between Israeli and Jordanian sectors of Jerusalem, is being torn down.

Revival Dates

Cold Springs Church, (Covington Assn.): Sept. 24-29; the pastor Rev. James W. McCall, will be the evangelist; Mr. Ray Strebeck, music director; services Monday through Friday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday services 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Perkinston Church: Sept. 24-29; Rev. Richard Adkinson, pastor of First Church, Tiponville, Tenn., evangelist; Alon Colletti, of 36th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, music director; Rev. Jerry Estes, pastor.

Zion Church, Hattiesburg: Sept. 24-Oct. 1; Rev. Moody Adams of Baton Rouge, La., evangelist, an author and editor of the monthly periodical *Quest*; Jerry James of Central Church, Hattiesburg, song leader; Sherland Lee, pianist; Rev. Ronald Hazlett, pastor; services each evening at 7:30 p.m.

Parkway Church, Jackson: Sept. 24-Oct. 1; Dr. V. L. Stanfield, professor of preaching, New Orleans Theological Seminary, evangelist; Mr. & Mrs. Al Walsh, evangelistic singers, from Atlanta, Georgia, will lead the music; services at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Rev. Bill Causey, pastor.

Emmanuel Church, Jackson: September 24-October 1; Rev. Frank Boydston, Houston, Texas, evangelist; Dennis McCoy Sr., Mississippi College and Tupelo, singer; services at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Sunday services at regular time.

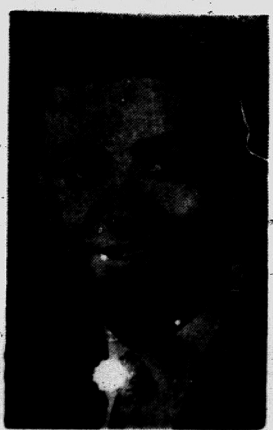
Lowndes Pastor Goes To Alabama

Rev. Jack R. Brown has resigned as pastor of New Salem Baptist Church, Lowndes County to become pastor of Big Sandy Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

A pulpit committee has been appointed by the church with Mr. and Mrs. Gunter Vaughn as chairman to seek a new pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Murry Dowdle and Mr. and Mrs. Nealus McDaniel are also serving on the committee. The address of the committee chairman is Steens, Miss.



CLARKE B. S. U. COUNCIL ATTENDS RETREAT—Accompanied by their Director, Rev. J. B. Costlow, members of the 1967-68 Baptist Student Union Council attended the annual pre-session retreat at Tishomingo State Park, August 31-September 2. First two rows: Linda Glass, Westwego, La.; Vivian Powell, Griffin, Ga.; Linda Willis, Newton; Peggy Williams, Star; Huey Harpe, Pelahatchie; Clara Legg, Ruleville; Carolyn Mills, Pascagoula; Harvey Carr, Tchula; Bonnie Killian, Columbus; Martha Helms, Birmingham, Ala.; Doris Crowley, Griffin, Ga.; Back row: Rev. J. B. Costlow; Nelson Crozier, Jackson; Clifton Myers, Magee; Kendall Winstead, Morton; Myra Sue Eastman, Louisville; Larry Costlow, Newton.



Rev. Norris Garner

East Columbia Calls Garner

Rev. Norris Garner has accepted the call to the East Columbia Church, Columbia. He received the Master of Theology degree from New Orleans Seminary on July 28.

He has served 6 1/2 years in pastorates in Pontotoc and Monroe counties in Mississippi and in New Orleans, while being engaged in revival preaching during this time.

He is the son of Mrs. W. W. Garner and the late Mr. Garner of Hamilton, Mississippi. He is married to Audra Fay

Scottish Church Drive-In Worship Is Successful

The Baptist church in East Kilbride, Scotland, has attracted so much local interest initially with its drive-in services in an auto park that it is considering the same thing again for next summer.

Over 400 people drove in for the first worship service, according to the British Baptist newspaper, *Baptist Times*. The worshippers sat in their automobiles through the service. Another 100 who came without cars stood through the meeting.

The Sunday evening service, conducted by Pastor Peter Barber, had no congregational hymns because of difficulty involved in group singing under the circumstances. Instead music was furnished by soloists.

The drive-in services continued for six Sundays in all. (EBPS)

Watts, daughter of W. E. Watts and the late Mrs. Alma Watts of Algona. While at New Orleans Seminary, Mrs. Garner served as secretary to Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy, Dean of Theology. Rev. and Mrs. Garner are the parents of one son, Howard Vance, age five.

First, Waveland Calls Hasson

First Church, Waveland, has called Rev. Joe L. Hasson as pastor.

Mr. Hasson was reared in Lamar County. He is a graduate of William Carey College and is presently enrolled at New Orleans Seminary.

His previous church work included being a youth director at Greenville Church, Lumberton, assistant and interim pastor at First Church, Glendale, and pastor of Union Seminary Church, Moss.

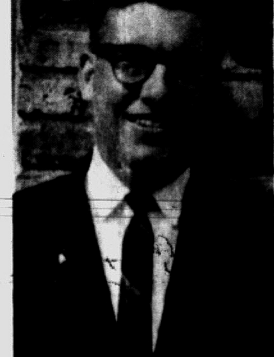
The son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Hasson, Route 4, Hattiesburg, he is married to the former Mary Janice Riley, the daughter of the late J. A. Riley, Sr. and Mrs. J. A. Riley, Sr., of Hattiesburg.

Mrs. Hasson is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi.

The Hassons have two children, a daughter, Carol 5, and a son, Joey 2.

They have moved into First Church, Waveland, parsonage.

Mrs. Hasson will be teaching in the Bay St. Louis School system.



Rev. Joe L. Hasson

Baptists In East Africa Begin Meet

Baptists in East Africa will begin an evangelistic campaign on October 1, which will be the first concentrated evangelistic outreach for Baptists in the countries of Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda.



FIVE SOUTHERN BAPTIST missionaries from Mississippi, (left to right) Rev. and Mrs. John W. Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Watts, and Rev. Robert A. Hollifield, recently met at dockside in Genoa, Italy. The occasion was the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Watts, new appointees. They are studying Italian at the University for Foreigners in Perugia before beginning a music ministry with Italian Baptists. The Merritts do evangelistic work in Milan. Mr. and Mrs. Hollifield returned to the States in August for furlough. They are living in Hattiesburg.

Oldest Missionary Passes Away

Dr. J. Franklin Ray, 95, oldest foreign missionary of Southern Baptists, died in Jackson, Tenn., on Wednesday, September 13, apparently of a heart attack.

Funeral services were to be held in First Baptist Church, Jackson, Friday morning, September 15.

Dr. Ray served in Japan. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1904, he did evangelistic work in Fukuoka, Hiroshima, and Kure and in the Shimonoseki-Moji-Kokura-Yahata area. He left Japan in 1940 and retired two years later.

A native of Ripley, Miss., he received the bachelor and master of arts degrees from Union University, Jackson, and the master of theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. In 1922 Union University awarded him the honorary doctor of divinity degree.

Dr. Ray's survivors include three children, Rev. Hermon S. Ray, pastor of Waikiki Baptist Church, Honolulu, Hawaii, J. Franklin Ray, Jr., of Montclair, N.J., and Mrs. Charles C. Hazell, of Raleigh, N.C., and seven grandchildren. His wife, the former Daisy Pettus, of Mobile, Ala., died in 1944.

Austin Resigns Kentucky Post

LOUISVILLE (BP)—James C. Austin, executive secretary - treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation for the past three years, has resigned effective August 31.

Asked the reason for his resignation, Austin said it was because of "conflicting ideas with foundation directors regarding methods, policies and procedures."

Austin said he had several attractive opportunities for other service, but added "I am not at this time ready to share my future plans."

Although his resignation was effective Aug. 31, Austin offered his services on a consulting basis for a limited time.

The Foundation Executive Committee and the administrative committee of the Kentucky Baptist Executive Board accepted the resignation "with regret and with appreciation for his productive ministry." Austin's salary will be continued to December 1.

Both Harold Sanders, the convention's executive secretary, and John C. Huffman of Mayfield, Ky., president of the convention, praised Austin for his "brilliant career" with the foundation. During the three years he was executive

Names In The News

W. D. (Pud) Waltman was ordained deacon, at Shady Grove Church Hazlehurst, on Sunday evening, September 17. A feature of the service was the reading of the 18 articles of Faith held by Southern Baptists. Rev. H. Glenn Schilling is pastor of the church.

Baptist Record—Roebuck C. Roland Boyd, minister of music for the past 27 months at Calvary Church, Meridian, has resigned to accept a similar position with the Southside Church, Augusta, Ga.

Rev. Harold O'Chester, pastor of Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, has been in Alaska on a mission trip. One of the side features of the visit was a hunting trip, in which he hunted mountain goats in the Prince William Sound. He got two goats with two shots, according to his report to the church in his current bulletin. He also was going to hunt for a brown bear, but had not done that when his current letter was mailed.

Gerald Bunn, formerly minister of music of the First Church, Griffin, Ga., has resigned to enter the field of music evangelism. He will be available for revivals, concerts, preaching and supply work. He now resides at 618 North 19th St., Bessemer, Ala.

secretary, the assets more than doubled, said Sanders. Sanders said that Austin's resignation was prompted by "a basic conflict in personality and disagreement in policy of handling assets and investments" with one or more of the directors.

A native of Virginia, Austin was director of endowment and capital giving for the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention before joining the Kentucky Foundation.

Previously, he was development officer for Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, and earlier had been a pastor of churches in Oklahoma, Tennessee and Kentucky.